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RESULTS OF THE PERSONNEL "POW-WOW". . . . Personnel officers and administrators from various sections of the country and from Washington had their "say" at the Milwaukee personnel meeting Dec. 3-7, as to what personnel policies will best serve the operating agencies in the new era ahead. One important recommendation approved at the meeting was that definite work standards be developed so that all will know what should be expected of each employee and as a concrete basis for efficiency ratings. Ten committees composed of personnel officers and consultants, considered such problems as reemployment, reduction in force, qualification standards, delegation of authority to effect personnel actions, health and safety, wage and salary administration; types of personnel information which should be made available to administrators, supervisors and employees, efficiency ratings, standards of work, training, and work load analysis. At the end of the three-day meeting the committees submitted their recommendations to Director of Personnel T. Roy Reid who approved most of the 117 recommendations, some with changes.

1946 FIRE-FIGHTING CAMPAIGN. . . . State and Federal foresters have been sent these and other materials for use in the

1946 fire fighting campaign: bookmarks, envelope stuffers, motion picture shorts, radio platters, stamps, stickers for school book covers and automobile windshields, suggested newspaper ads for use by sponsors, and at least 7 posters. The foresters will distribute the materials in time for the spring fire seasons as they open in different parts of the country. The American Red Cross through all its county chapters and its 18 million junior members will cooperate in the campaign as will other USDA and Interior Department field agencies.

IF TOO MANY HOGS GO TO MARKET. . . . A very sensitive hog market has developed recently, according to PMA. Even moderately heavy runs are causing prices to fall below ceilings. This in spite of the fact the market for pork and pork products is strong and supplies are still short of demand. Inability of packing plants to handle heavy runs of hogs because of inadequate labor is the problem. Farmers should be warned to check their markets before hogs leave the farm and sell when prices are right. Otherwise, hogs should move along to market in an orderly way so that they won't back up on the farms later.

EISENHOWER'S BIOGRAPHER. . . . Kenneth S. Davis, author of Soldier of Democracy, new biography of General Eisenhower, was once field writer for SCS, stationed at LaCrosse, Wis. During the war he worked for Hercules Powder Co., until assigned to write the new book.

NEW H. D. OFFICERS. . . . 1945-46 officers of the National Home Demonstration Agents Association are as follows: President, Lois Rainwater, Wilson, N. C.; first V-P, Mrs. Louella M. Condon, Rockwell City, Iowa; second V-P, Florence Hester, Versailles, Ind.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Margaret C. Shepard, 51 - 13th Ave., Newark 3, N. J.; Counsellors -- Central States, Mrs. Laura B. Willison, 142 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.; Southern States, Katherine E. Staley, Lauderdale, Miss.; Western States, Carmen Johnson, Fort Collins, Colo.; Eastern States, Mabel Milham, Danbury, Conn.; News Letter Editor, Charity B. Shank, Columbia, Mo. The officers were elected at the annual meeting of the group at Chicago December 5-7.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Fish items removed from import controls--2254; Further reductions in canned fish set asides--2256; WFO-117 (foreign cotton storage) terminated--2258; Dillard B. Lasseter to head FSA--2267; Crop production report as of December 1--2269; Secretary Anderson reorganizes BAE to strengthen the agricultural statistics and economic research work of USDA--2282; Meat allocations for first quarter of 1946--2283; Col. Omer W. Herrmann named Assistant Director of PMA Fats and Oils Branch--2293; Military set aside of good, choice grades of beef reinstated--2294; and the following statements by Secretary Anderson: On U. S.--United Kingdom loan negotiations--2271; and on S-1592 before the Congressional Committee on Banking and Currency, a bill to establish a national housing policy and provide for its execution--2289.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Ceilings set for surplus barbed wire--OPA-6100 Continued suspension of price control on potatoes to 3/6/46; Office of Stabilization Administration announces approval of 16 million dollars additional subsidy payments to livestock slaughterers--OSA-4.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. . . . Secretary's memo No. 1137 dated December 5 authorizes the Department Librarian to act for USDA in obtaining permission from the Publication Board (representing various federal agencies) to release scientific and technical information withheld from publication for purposes of national military security. USDA agencies are asked in this memo to work closely with the Director of Information in determining whether such information should be published by the Department. When it is not practicable to publish information approved for release, a copy will be filed in the Library from which the public may secure photostats or microfilm copies at cost. Inquiries about this type of information should be referred to the USDA Library.

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JANUARY PLENTIFUL FOODS. . . . Chickens below roasting size and heavy tom turkeys will be plentiful throughout the greater part of the country in January. Eggs will be in good supply. Good quality oranges and grapefruit will be available from a heavy crop coming on the market, and there will be generous supplies of tangerines and kumquats. This year's extremely heavy potato crop will supply an abundance of white potatoes.

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THE 1946 COTTON PROGRAM agreed upon by the Southern State Extension Services, interested Department agencies, the Cotton Council, and other groups, has two main objectives: (1) getting the background economic facts to farmers so that they can intelligently decide what to do about King Cotton, and (2) suggesting 7 steps they can take to help solve the cotton problem on their own farms.

The following materials to aid in the campaign are in various stages of preparation: A flyer entitled "7 Steps that Will Help you Face the Future with Cotton" for distribution to cotton growers; a handbook of facts and illustrations called "Facts About Cotton and Southern Farming," a background information piece analyzing cotton problems and indicating some alternate ways of meeting them, entitled "Looking Ahead with Cotton, Some Trends and Choices;" a kit of materials for extension people, a campaign folder for use by advertising outlets, two movies on cotton (in the beginning stages of production), and various exhibits. The poster "Extra Care, Extra Cash," which is already in use, will also be distributed in the 1946 cotton campaign.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . December 6, the House passed a bill authorizing additional appropriations for UNRRA; the President approved the Byrd-Butler corporation control bill. December 10, a House committee reported a bill to transfer fur animal research from Interior to Agriculture. December 11, both Houses agreed to a conference report on the appropriation recision bill which includes items for WFA salaries and expenses, emergency supplies for territories and possessions, emergency rubber project, and lend-lease. December 12, a conference committee reported a revised government reorganization bill; the House passed the Hobbs anti-racketeering bill.

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"BETTER HEALTH FOR RURAL AMERICA" is the name of a new booklet prepared by the Department's Work Group on Health and Sanitation of the Interbureau Committee on Postwar Programs. It points out that farm people want more doctors, nurses, and dentists; more hospitals and better sanitary facilities; more preventive medicine and public health clinics; easier ways of paying their doctor bills; and all the benefits of first-class medical science. Suggestions for bringing this about are contained in the 34-page booklet, No. MP-573, copies of which are available from the Office of Information.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Tables of Food Composition in Terms of Eleven Nutrients, Misc. Pub. No. 572, 30 p.; Building with Logs, Misc. Pub. No. 579, 56 p.; Susceptibility of Certain Strains of Field Corn in Hybrid Combinations to Damage by Corn Earworms, Tech. Bul. No. 898, Nov. 1945, 36 p.; Directory of the Meat Inspection Division (corrected to 7/1/45), 44 p; Domestic Cotton Surplus Disposal Programs, Misc. Pub. No. 577, 51 p.; Experiment Station Record Vol. 93, No. 6, December 1945 (semi-annual report) 816 p.

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OUTLOOK CONFERENCE MATERIAL. . . . The annual outlook issue of the Agricultural Situation, November 1945, incorporates the following addresses given at the 23d Annual Outlook Conference in Washington, December 3-7: Where Are We Now? by E. A. Hagen, Economic Adviser, OWMR; Industrial and Business Outlook by Woodlief Thomas, Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board; and the "Agricultural Outlook," by O. C. Stine and Roy A. Ballinger of BAE. Single copies of the November issue of Agricultural Situation and the AG Outlook Chart may be obtained from BAE. Processed copies of the following addresses and others given at the 23d Outlook Conference are expected to be available from BAE within the next ten days:

Nutrition in 1946, by Faith Clark, BHNHE.

The Economic and Political Situation in Europe, by E. A. Goldenweiser of Federal Reserve Board.

Discussion of Price and Production Goals for 1946, by Under Secretary Hutson, and H. B. Boyd, Director of Price, PMA.

What's Ahead in Marketing, by C. W. Kitchen, Asst. Administrator, Regulatory and Marketing Service Work, PMA.

Outlook for Family Living, by Margaret G. Reid, Head, Family Economics Division, BHNHE.

FAO - Agriculture's Agency for International Cooperation, by H. R. Tolley, Chief, BAE.

FROM THE AG EDITORS' meeting in Chicago, December 3, comes news that the constitution of the American Agricultural Editors Association has been revised to permit anyone who writes primarily for or about farm people to become an associate member of the group. E. R. McIntyre, USDA farm paper editor, points out that this includes among others all Agriculture information specialists and State extension editors. The yearly fee for an associate member is \$5.00. The following officers were elected: President, John Strohm, Prairie Farmer; V-P, John Pickett, Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco; Secretary-Treasurer, Milton Grinnell, Michigan Farmer, Detroit. A special committee was appointed at the Chicago meeting to see that Mr. McIntyre does not become a "confirmed bureaucrat".

RADIO PROGRAMS DEC. 22. . . . News from the Department will make its bow on the NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR (NBC, 1:00 EST). This five-minute feature will summarize principal actions of the Department of interest to farmers and homemakers. . . . CONSUMER TIME (NBC, 12:15 EST) will present a Christmas program. . . Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars, the USDA gardening duo, will discuss Last Minute Gifts for Gardeners on YOUR HOME AND GARDEN (ABC, 12:30 EST).

